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#### ALMA-ATA

# Capital City, Kazakh SSR

Area:

Unknown

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 1,068,000

Green space:

Unknown

Length of roads:

Unknown

Retail floor space:

155,000 square meters\* or 1.3 percent of total residential

floor space

\*Based on SSR average 81.55 square meters per store for 1980 reported total of 1,899 stores

Source: Narodnoye Khozyaystvo Kazakhstana v 1980 g., Alma-Ata: Kazakhstan, 1981.

#### **BIROBIDZHAN**

City, Khabarovskiy Kray, RSFSR

Area:

60 square kilometers (1972 data)

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 78,000

Green space:

1,510,000 square meters (1972

data) or 19.4 square meters/per-

son

Length of roads:

150 kilometers (1972 data)

Retail floor space:

Unknown

Source: Goroda Khabarovskogo Kraya, Khabarovsk: Knizhoye Izdatelstvo, 1972.

#### FRUNZE

# Capital City, Kirgiz SSR

Area: 10 square kilometers (est.)

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 604,000

Green space: 300 kilometers

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 86,000 square meters or 1.4 per-

cent of total residential floor

space

\*Based on SSR average retail floor space 66 square meters per store for 1983 reported total of 1,303 stores including kiosks

Sources: <u>Narodnoye Khozyaystvo Kirgizskoy SSR v 1982 rodu,</u> Frunze: Kyrgyzstan, 1983; <u>Frunze: A Guide, Moscow: Raduga Publishers, 1984.</u>

#### KISHINEV

Capital City, Moldavian SSR

Area: 161.2 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 624,000

Green space: 3,542,000\* square meters or 3.3

square meters/person

Length of roads: 500 kilometers (700 streets)

Retail floor space: 82,366 square meters or 0.97

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Total area of 6 parks

Source: Kishinev Entsiklopediya, Kishinev: Glavnaya Redaktsiya Moldavskoy Sovetskoy Entsiklopediy, 1984.

#### KIYEV

# Capital City, Ukrainian SSR

Area: 796 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 2,448,000

Green space: 39,000,000 square meters or 15.9

square meters/person

Length of roads: 1,300 kilometers (2,100 streets)

(1970 data)

Retail floor space: 360,000 square meters (1984

data) or 1.0 percent of total

residential floor space

Sources: Narodnoye Khozyaystvo Ukrainskoy SSR, Kiyev: Tekhnika, 1983; Radyanska Ukrayina, Kiyev, 15 March 1986; Kiyev
Travel Guide, Kiyev: Novosti Press Agency Publishing House, 1971; Kiyev: Ancient and Modern City, Kiyev: Politividav Ukraini Publishers, 1983.

#### KOKHTLA-YARVE

City, Estonia SSR

Area: 60 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 77,000

Green space: Unknown

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 18,600 square meters (1983 data)

or 1.2 percent of total resi-

dential floor space

Source: Narodnoye Khoyaystvo Estonskoy SSR v 1982 godu,

Tallinn: Izdatelstvo Eesti Raamat, 1983.

#### MINSK

# Capital City, Belorussian SSR

Area: 192.32 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 1,472,000

Green space: 3,243,000 square meters or 2.2

square meters/person

Length of roads: 760 kilometers (est.\*)

Retail floor space: 92,000 square meters\*\* or 0.55

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Based on 0.77 kilometers/street for a reported total of 1,083 streets, squares, and alleys (1982 data)

\*\*Based on SSR average of 81 square meters/store for a reported 800 stores (1982 data) which represented 70.7% of all urban retail stores (stores and kiosks)

Source: Minsk Entsiklopedicheskiy Spravochnik, Minsk: Iz-datelstvo Belorusskaya Sovetskaya Entsiklopediya Imeni Petrusya Brovki, 1983.

#### MOSKVA

Capital City, USSR

Area: 878.7 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 8,408,000 excluding suburbs

Green space: 161.6 square kilometers or 19

square meters/person

Length of roads in the city: 3,400 kilometers\*

Retail floor space: 1,643,000 square meters or 1.1

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Estimated from the reported figure of 68,100,000 square meters of paved streets, embankments, and squares, assuming that the average width of the streets including embankments and squares measures 20 meters.

Source: Moskva v tsifrakh: Statisticheskiy yezhegodnik 1985,

Moskva: Izdatelstvo Financi Statistika, 1985.

#### NARVA

#### City, Estonian SSR

Area: 94 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 79,000

Green space: Unknown

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 13,100 square meters (1983 data)

or 1.0 percent of total residen-

tial space

Source: Narodnoye Khozyaystvo Estonskoy SSR v 1982 godu,

Tallinn: Izdatelstvo Eesti Raamat, 1983.

# **ODESSA**

City, Ukrainian SSR

Area: Unknown

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 1,126,000

Green space: Over 80,000,000 square meters

(1976 data) or over 712 square

meters/person

Length of roads in the city: 1,400 kilometers (est.\*)

Retail floor space: 123,000 square meters\*\* or 0.9

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Based on 1976 data of over 11 million square meters of asphalt streets, assuming that the average width of the streets measured 8 meters. The length of roads could approximate 2,000 kilometers. as a result of additional roads built in the last decade.

\*\*Estimates at 52.4% of 1981 oblast total of 340,000 square meters

Source: <u>Ulitsy rasskazyvayut</u>, Odessa: Izdatelstvo Mayak, 1976.

# PYARNU (Parnu)

#### City, Estonian SSR

Area: 34 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 53,000

Green space: Unknown

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 10,000 square meters (1983 data)

or 0.96 percent of total resi-

dential floor space

Source: Narodnoye Khozyaystvo Estonskoy SSR v 1982 godu, Tal-

linn: Izdatelstvo Eesti Raamat, 1983.

#### RIGA

Capital City, Latvian SSR

Area: 302.8 square kilometers (1974

data)

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 883,000

Green space: 3,560,000 square meters\* (1968

data) or 5.7 square meters/per-

son

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 65,000 square meters\*\* or 0.5

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Including 3,060,000 square meters of forest park within city limits.

\*\*Estimated from 1981 total residential floor space

Source: <u>Latvijas PSR Maza Enciklopedija</u>, Riga: Izdevnieciba Zinatne, 1970.

# SIAULIAI (Shyaulyay)

City, Latvian SSR

Area: 69.63 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 134,000

Green space: 7,500,000 or 56 square

meters/person

Length of roads in the city: About 200 kilometers (260

streets)

Retail floor space: Unknown

Sources: Siauliai: Mazasis Vadovas, Vilnius: Mintis, 1985.

#### TALLINN

Capital City, Estonian SSR

Area: 183 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 464,000

Green space: 46.4 million square meters or

100 square meters/person

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 64,900 square meters (1983 data)

or 0.9 percent of total residen-

tial floor space

Sources: Zivot, Bratislava, 1983; Narodnoye Khozyaytsvo Estonskoy SSR v 1982 godu, Tallinn: Izdatelstvo Eesti Raamat, 1983.

#### **TARTU**

# City, Estonian SSR

Area: 39 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 111,000

Green space: Unknown

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 14,600 square meters (1983 data)

or 0.8 percent of total residen-

tial floor space

Source: Narodnoye Khozyaystvo Estonskoy SSR v 1982 godu, Tal-

linn: Izdatelstvo Eesti Raamat, 1983.

#### TASHKENT

Capital City, Uzbek SSR

Area: 275.56 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 2,030,000

Green space: 5,500,000 square meters\* or 2.7

square meters/person

Length of roads: Unknown

Retail floor space: 235,000 square meters\*\* or 1.3

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Total area of 6 parks

\*\* Estimates

Source: <u>Tashkent Entsiklopediya</u>, Tashkent: Glavnaya Redaktsiya Uzbekskoy Sovetskoy Entsiklopediy, 1983.

# **VILNIUS**

# Capital City, Lithuanian SSR

Area: 263.4 square kilometers

Population as of 1 Jan 1985: 552,000

Green space: 90,000,000 square meters\* or 163

square meters/person

Length of roads: 650 kilometers (over 620

streets)

Retail floor space: 35,000 square meters\*\* or 0.5

percent of total residential

floor space

\*Including forest park

\*\*Estimated

Source: <u>Vilnius: A Guide</u>, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1981.

# HOUSING AND RETAIL FLOOR SPACE by Soviet Republic: 1985

Urban Floor Space Retail Stores (in million square meters) Retail<sup>2</sup> Republic Housing Percent<sup>3</sup> Number Area (square meters) 1,454.1 1.0 RSFSR 359,500 28,010,000 14.68 5.23 492.7 1.1 9,973,000 Ukranianian SSR 141,600 Belorussian SSR 2,055,000 1.08 82.9 1.3 25,300 1.18 81.8 1.4 38,500 2,260,000 Uzbek SSR 110.4 1.4 1.50 2,871,000 Kazakh SSR 42,400 0.47 43.1 1.1 Georgian SSR 16,100 904,000 0.41 41.1 1.0 789,000 Azerbaydzhan SSR 18,200 0.9 0.31 35.4 7,600 590,000 Lithuanian SSR 0.36 22.9 1.6 Moldavian SSR 10,600 694,000 0.8 0.26 29.9 Latvian SSR 7,300 501,000 1.7 0.29 17.4 557,000 8,400 Kirgiz SSR 16.5 1.6 0.27 Tadzhik SSR 8,400 510,000 0.30 29.0 1.0 8,000 569,000 Armenian SSR 15.3 1.4 0.22 419,000 Turkmen SSR 7,100 18.8 0.8 0.15 Estonian SSR 4,000 283,000  $703,000^3$  $50,985,000^3$ 26.71 2,491.6 1.1 Total

Source: Narodnoye Khozyaystvo SSSR v 1984 g., Moskva: Izdatelstvo Financy i Statistika, 1985.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>All State and cooperative stores

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Estimates based on national average of 52.4 percent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Figures reported were 704,000 and 51,078,000 (discrepancy of 1,000 stores and 93,000 square meters)